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Acetylcholine Receptor Subunit, and  
Methods of Production and Uses  
Thereof

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following amendment accompanies the Divisional Patent Application of U.S.  
Serial No. 08/771,737. Examination of this divisional application, based upon the  
following amendment, is requested.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-20, 23-46, 50 and 51.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20, 23-46, 50 and 51 have been cancelled. Upon entry of this  
amendment, claims 21, 22, 47, 48 and 49 will be pending.


### CONCLUSION

Applicants believe claims 21, 22, 47, 48 and 49 are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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